

What is the CAC?

Each SELPA (Ed Code 56190) in California is mandated to have a CAC that works with the SELPA to address the needs of the students in Special Education. The CAC includes parent representatives from each region, educators, and community members.

What does the CAC do?

- ✓ Increases parent awareness of changes in special education laws
- ✓ Helps parents to understand Parent Rights and Responsibilities
- ✓ Informs parents of resources within the community
- ✓ Serves in an advisory capacity in the review and development of the Local Plan for Special Education
- ✓ Recommends annual priorities to be addressed by the SELPA
- ✓ Encourages community involvement in the development of the Local Plan
- ✓ Assists in parent education and recruitment

2017-18 Community Advisory Committee Officers:

Chairperson: Open
Vice Chairperson: Open

What issues are important to you?
How can the CAC help **YOU** support your child in school?

Your voice is important!

Contact us with your thoughts and ideas. Be sure to include contact information. Send an email to sbertrando@sonomaselpa.org or call our toll-free number (855) 315-3119.



What can YOU do?

- Attend a meeting
- Increase community participation by inviting another parent or educator to attend a meeting
- Offer to represent the regional area of your district

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Districts by Area

- AREA 1: Sonoma Valley Unified School District
AREA 2: Cinnabar, Dunham, Liberty, Old Adobe, Petaluma Elementary, Petaluma High School, Two Rock Union, Waugh, and Wilmar School Districts
AREA 3: Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District
AREA 4: Bellevue, Bennett Valley, Kenwood, Mark West Union, Piner-Olivet, Rincon Valley, Roseland, Santa Rosa Elementary, Santa Rosa High School, and Wright School Districts
AREA 5: Forestville, Fort Ross, Gravenstein, Guerneville, Harmony, Monte Rio, Montgomery, Oak Grove, Sebastopol, Twin Hills Union, and West Sonoma County Union High School districts
AREA 6: Alexander Valley, Cloverdale Unified, Geyserville Unified, Healdsburg Unified, Horicon, Kashia, West Side, and Windsor Unified School Districts
AREA 7: Sonoma County Office of Education
AREA 8: California Virtual Academies, Pathways Charter School, REACH, and Sebastopol Independent Charter.

Meeting Information

All meetings are open to parents, teachers, community members, and the public interested in special education in our schools.

Meetings are held at:

Santa Rosa City Schools

Location: Board Room

211 Ridgway Ave., Santa Rosa 95401

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Schedule and Topics

September 19, 2017

College to Career Program, Transition Pathways, & Disability Resources

Lindsay Eigenauer, Manager
Santa Rosa Junior College

November 14, 2017

Accommodations, Modifications, and High Stakes Testing

Rick Phelan, Director Technology for Learners, Sonoma County Office of Education

January 16, 2018

Inclusive Practices

Lisa Hooks, Regional Manager
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

April 17, 2018

Topic: To be determined

Interpreter Services

Interpreter services for Spanish speaking parents are provided at every meeting.

Parent Resources

These documents are available in English and Spanish from the Sonoma County SELPA website www.sonomaselpa.org:

- CAC Brochure
- Parents Special Education Rights

If you have talked with your child's special education teacher and principal and still need help, the Sonoma County SELPA offers a toll free phone number for parent information (855) 315-3119.

You may also contact:

Matrix Parent and Resource Center
94 Galli Drive #C, Novato, CA 94949
Helpline (415) 884-3535
Toll free (800) 578-2592
www.matrixparents.org

For additional resources visit
www.sonomaselpa.org



“The message is clear. It is simply impossible to have an island of excellence in a sea of community indifference, and when parents become school partners, the results can be consequential and enduring.”

L. E. Boyer (1995). *The Basic School*, Carnegie Foundation.